

The ORACLE



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At The Spring-Fling Dance



The King James music is stimulating everyone except Terry, Tom, Greg, George, and Mike.

TWO ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS LEAVING

Mr. Donovan Clark and Mr. Murray Heller, both instructors in the English Department at Newark Campus, will leave at the end of the Spring Quarter.

Mr. Clark came to Newark at the beginning of the Autumn Quarter from the Columbus campus where he had taught English. During this year he has taught all three freshman English courses and, this quarter, the sophomore-level course in introduction to the novel. Mr. Clark states that he and his family plan to reside in Virginia for awhile but will return to Dayton, Ohio, provided he does not locate permanently in Virginia. During the Winter Quarter Mr. Clark became adviser of Sigma Tau Omega.

Mr. Heller and his family plan to retire to upstate New York where "I shall recharge my batteries." He plans to do nothing in particular for a year. Mr. Heller arrived on Newark Campus in the fall of 1964. Under his guidance the *Oracle* got its start. He also served during the current year as co-adviser with Miss Johnson of the *Outlook*. Mr. Heller has taught both freshman and sophomore-level courses in English during his stay in Newark.

New Honorary To Hold Banquet

Phi Sigma Society, a new scholastic honorary fraternity on campus, will hold its first recognition banquet on Thursday, May 30, at 6:15 in the evening at Granville Inn. Students with a 3.10 are eligible for membership and have been invited to attend.

The honorary group is sponsored by the local campus Student Senate. Its aim is to recognize and promote outstanding scholastic achievement among Newark Campus students. To qualify for membership, a student must have attained a minimum point average of 3.10, based upon the average point hours for the immediately preceding Autumn and Winter quarters, must have carried not less than a total of 24 credit hours for the two quarters and not less than ten in either quarter.

"Outlook" Needs Workers For Next Year

Everyone interested in working on next year's yearbook staff contact Miss Johnson, Nancy Wolford, or Phil Gantt before June 2nd.

Those interested in sports, social activities, organizations, advertising and promotion, business management, editing, making layouts, writing copy, photography, or just interested workers will be welcome.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

(June 4-8)

SPRING QUARTER 1968

The following schedule applies to all classes except math classes:

Classes meeting M.W. and F. 4-5 - Tuesday, June 4, 7:30-9:30
Classes meeting M.W. 5-6:30 - Wednesday, June 5, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting M.W. 5-7:30 - Wednesday, June 5, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting M.W. and F. 5-6:30 - Wednesday, June 5, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting M.W. 6-7:30 - Wednesday, June 5, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting M.W. 7:30-10 - Wednesday, June 5, 7:30-9:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 4-5 - Friday, June 7, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting T.Th. and F. 4-5 - Friday, June 7, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 4-6:30 - Friday, June 7, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 5-6:30 - Tuesday, June 4, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 5-7:30 - Tuesday, June 4, 4:30-6:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 7:30-9 - Thursday, June 6, 7:30-9:30
Classes meeting T.Th. 7:30-10 - Thursday, June 6, 7:30-9:30
Classes meeting W. only 7:30-10 - Wednesday, June 5, 7:30-9:30
Classes meeting F. only 6-8:30 - Friday, June 7, 7:30-9:30

All math classes regardless of meeting time—Thurs., June 6 4:30-6:30.

Note: Courses with lecture and laboratory or recitation at different hours should use the lecture hour to determine the examination time.

Exams will be given in the room in which the classes regularly meet.

"The Oracle" Completing Its Fourth Year

The *Oracle* has been published for four consecutive years on Newark Campus. It was introduced on the local campus during the school year 1964-65, when Mr. Murray Heller arrived on the scene. Three issues of the paper appeared during the first year, the first appearing in January of 1965. At that time the campus was located in the old high-school building on West Main Street. David Armstrong was its first editor. Three other members, among several on the staff, who are still at Newark Campus are Ron Pennington, John Swisher, and Robert

Myers. Mr. Heller stated that two primary concerns of the paper that first year were polls of student opinion concerning the Vietnam War and an expose of the ineffectiveness of the Student Council. The paper also sponsored a chess marathon in a local laundromat to which food was brought for the players.

Mrs. Beverly Seaton became adviser of the paper during its second year. This year marked the first that Newark Campus appeared in the present facility, the new high school. Editor for the year was Robert Myers. Other members of the staff were John Swisher, assistant editor; Regina Church, copy editor; Marlene Mendenhall, business manager; David Fesler, art editor. The first issue appeared in December of 1965, and again three numbers were published. For both of its first two years the periodical was printed on paper 7½ by 10¼. The paper featured campus profiles, the doings and misdoings of the Student Senate, and discussions about the new campus building and the campaign to raise money for its construction. The periodical was published quarterly.

For its third year, the *Oracle* had as co-advisers Mrs. Seaton and Mr. Gordon Kingery. Because of her involvement with writing a dissertation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, however, Mrs. Seaton resigned as an adviser at the end of the Winter Quarter. Roger Coffman served as editor during the Fall and Winter Quarters; Rick Kincaid served as

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The final issue of this paper is scheduled for distribution on June 3.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY COPIES OF "OUTLOOK" ORDERED

There have been 160 copies of the *Outlook* sold for this year, the first year of its publication. No complimentary copies are to be issued.

Cost of production of the book is \$13.00 per copy. Cost to the purchaser is \$5.00 per copy. Revenue from sales and advertising has not been enough to put the venture in the black; thus there will be an \$800 deficit for this first year.

Deadline for copy of the 144-page book is May 29. The yearbook will be issued some time during the late summer or early fall.

The book's staff is currently planning to enroll members for next year's group.

THE ORACLE

The Oracle is published every two weeks on Newark Campus and is distributed to students free of charge.

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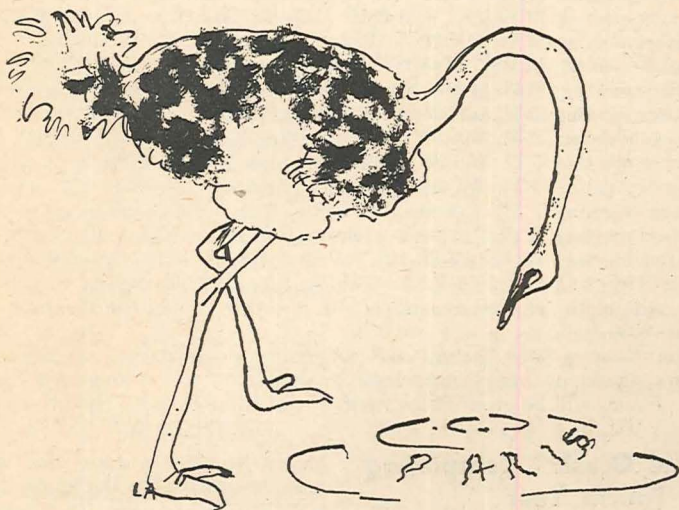
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FACULTY SPEAKS

Our two contributors to this column are both instructors of comparative literature on Newark Campus. Mrs. Lowanne Callander offers her views on how the university should consider apathetic students. Mrs. Inez Freeman comments on Chaucer's concept of human dignity.

A Plea For The Apathetic

LOWANNE CALLANDER

Theoretically, I am very much committed to the apathetic student so often and so rashly deplored by administrations, faculty, program organizers, and student leaders. The "tweens, those irresponsible years between the teens and the thirties," as J. R. R. Tolkien describes this age group are obviously designed as preparatory years, to be spent (either in or out of school), in introspection, exploration, and hopefully in discovery. Consequently, I support the right of every individual, and particularly the right of every student to wander about with his head in the clouds pondering the tremendous ramifications of "why the sea is boiling hot and whether pigs have wings."

Occupied by matters of much abstract relevance (see previously mentioned pig controversy), and of much personal import (see "The Graduate"), I defend as stoutly as possible the right of this individual to shelter under the lowly tree of apathy. It is a humble although much maligned protection against the storm of demands for commitment which threatens to destroy

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On Being Human

(Note on midterm of Comparative Literature 103 student, Spring, 1968)

by INEZ FREEMAN,
Instructor

I have been delighted and instructed by your essay on Chaucer's CANTERBURY TALES. I'm glad you "love" Chaucer; I do too.

When you say "live your life any way you want as long as you feel it is best for you," you must qualify "any way you want," so far as Chaucer (and you, I suspect) are concerned. You must also analyse what you call "love" as it might be defined by our good friend, Chaucer. My guess, and I'm not certain, is that Chaucer has "love" tied up with what we call "freedom" or "human dignity." Chaucer, in his great "love for Mankind, could be saying that no man is FREE unless EVERYMAN is FREE. To recognize that there is an invisible thread that binds one man to another, that one's fellow man is one's brother, is to care for Mankind. Call it "love," as you do, or respect for human dignity, or freedom, it goes by many names, essentially it means MAN: what it is to be HUMAN. If one man is subjected to experiences that deny him that love or human dignity or freedom, then

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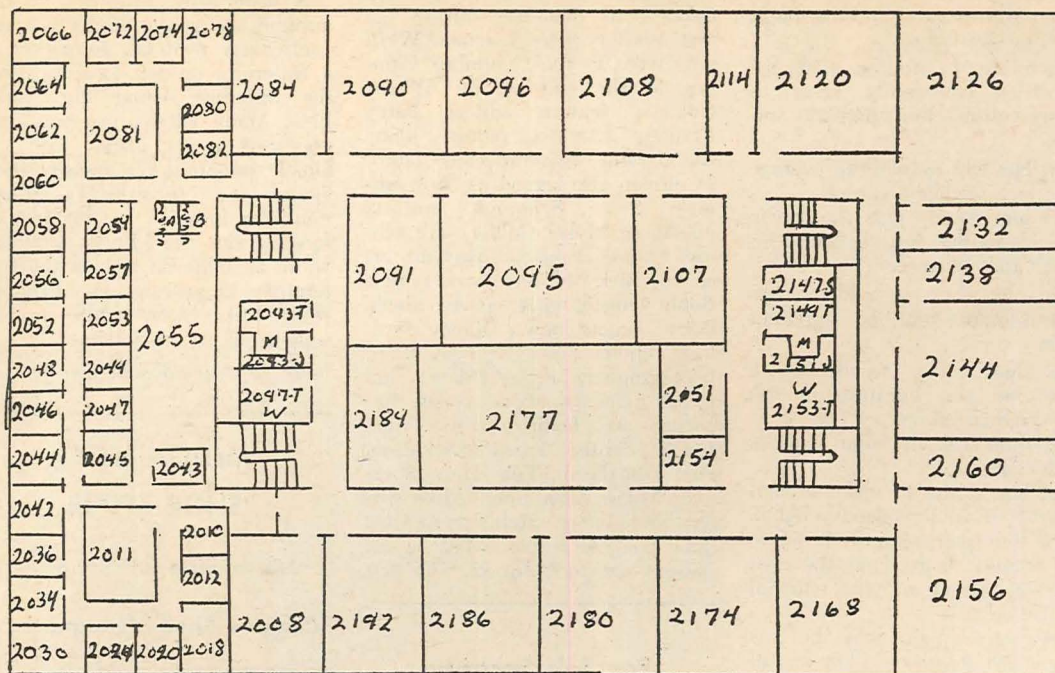
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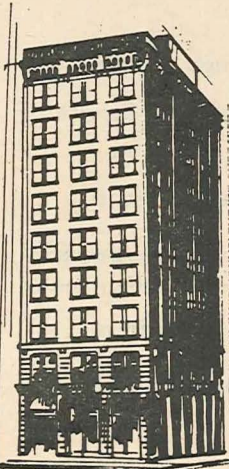
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he is threatened with the loss of his humanity. If we recognize that invisible threat binding one man to another, then this threatened loss of humanity becomes our threatened loss. Which reminds me that *everything we do is selfish*, in the sense that all living things strive for self-preservation. Therefore to recognize that love, or human dignity, or freedom—whatever you want to call it—is the key to MAN'S future, the key to saving HIM from complete destruction, is to recognize one's selfishness in a most colossal way. But what a way to be selfish!

"Charity (love)," someone said, "begins at home (within the self)." If we cannot love (accept) ourselves, then we cannot, as Alan Ginsberg says, "love out." I think, from what you have written, that you agree that Chaucer is able to begin "at home" with love and acceptance of himself as a human being—one of those creatures with all his wondrous qualities coupled with his inevitable human failings—he is able to accept, to understand, and to forgive, to make peace with himself. Otherwise, how else could this wonderful man understand and be so "loving" towards his fellow man? I have a hunch Chaucer knew "where it was at."

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his ability to choose carefully and without duress, the specific paths he wishes to follow.

Therefore I propose that the University community react as follows toward the apathetic student:

Let him slip by with an average grade in a mediocre course.

Let him merely pass the course that obviously lies beyond his talents and interests.

Let him drop or add courses in mid-quarter for no apparent reason.

Let him refuse to declare a major for the duration of his undergraduate career.

Let him refrain from campus political activity.

Let him refuse to make a commitment to an organized religion.

Let him demonstrate no more than a mild curiosity in the civil rights movement and the national political scene.

Let him explain why he has chosen not to choose, hoping all the while that he can come up with a reason and desperately praying (unfashionable as that activity may be), that his commitment, if and when it comes, will be that concentrated, meaningful, and effective activity which, amid the diffuse hysteria of the fanatics, quietly produces durable results.

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editor during the Spring Quarter. Other staff members during the first quarters were Louanne West, who went to the Columbus Campus at the end of the Winter Quarter, feature editor; Barcy Francis, activities editor; Jenny Cannizzaro, assistant copy editor (Coffman also served as copy editor); Steve Schorger, business manager; Myke Collier, art editor; Denise Paulson, assistant art editor; Rick McCall, sports editor; Robin Queen, girls' sports; Sheila Petry, Senate news; Nancy Wolford, choir; and Denny Gilbert, photographer. Peggy Slater and Linda Schwartz were typists. Reporters and feature writers were Sharie Curtis, Karen Dickerson, Pam Donaldson, Tom Hess, Sherman Miles, John Senf, Mike Sitter, and Kathy Stalling. At this time the newspaper went to its present size of 9 by 12. The first

issue appeared in December of 1966.

A major issue to appear in the autumn and winter copies was the controversy over the formation of a fraternity on the local campus, the fraternity being Phi Alpha Beta. Many letters, pro and con, appeared in the pages, with the *Oracle* adopting the quasiposition against the brotherhood's formation. For instance, in the first issue for the year Roger Coffman wrote an editorial against the fraternity's appearing on campus, while Mike Sitter wrote one in support of its formation.

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